

Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management Meeting

Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2020 Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) Working Group via ZOOM

Present:	See Attachment A
Next meeting:	November 5, 2020, 10am
Prepared by:	Chelsey Hahn, DEEP

I. Call to Order and Announcements

The meeting began at 10:00am

Co-chairs Matt Knickerbocker First Selectman, Bethel, CT and Diana McCarthy-Bercury, Sustainability & Compliance Office, Branford, CT provided welcoming remarks, shared that the Connecticut Coalition for Sustainable Materials Management (CCSMM) webpage now has the slides from the previous meeting, introduced the speakers and highlighted the request for comments and solutions and requested the working group members to review the responses. Chris Nelson, DEEP, provided housekeeping updates about the new zoom platform for this meeting and all meetings going forward.

II. Committee Reports

The working group members heard the following presentations:

Jennifer Heaton-Jones, Housatonic Resources Recover Authority (HRRRA) covered the cost of household hazardous waste collection events and the challenges of reaching all the households, including the timing of the events and posing the question of “what happens to the material folks are not bringing in” - only 4% of the population in her region participates in these collection events. She also covered how the Paintcare program has benefitted CT municipalities, application of EPR for Household Hazardous Waste (HHW).

Lori Vitagliano, Regional Water Authority, spoke about HazWaste Central, the first permanent household hazardous waste collection center, open from May-October. Lori also covered Propane tank and gas cylinder recycling challenges they have and residential uncertainty around disposal options. Suggested EPR programs for gas cylinders.

Marjaneh Zarrehparvar, Paintcare, CT Paint Stewardship Program presented on the creation of the paint EPR program in Connecticut and throughout the country and how a program like this could be replicated for other products. The presentation also touched on fees and funding for EPR programs and how the industry can participate in the design and management of these programs as well as key elements for successful EPR programs.

III. Roundtable

There was opportunity for Q&A of the panelists. Working group members were interested in more details around the cost, fees, and the logistics of the Paintcare program. Additional questions cover how a town would set up a Paintcare program at their transfer station and about e-waste programs and the mattress recycling program. The working group members also were seeking information about EPR laws and also support for marketing ad social media for Paintcare and other HHW programs at the municipal level. Also discussed were the challenges and issues to starting Paintcare, from legislation to program implementation. The presenters also addressed the funding and revenue of EPR programs; and challenge materials including packaging and tires. The co-chairs encouraged working group members to identify challenging materials that may be good for EPR programs for the future.

IV. Public Comment

Members of the public were asked to use the “chat” feature or the “raise hand” feature to indicate if they wanted to make a comment.

A comment came in about packaging being a broad topic; and why EPR programs include all packaging types and are not broken into many programs. Tom Metzner, DEEP, spoke to eco-modulation fees.

A question proposed different costs to the manufactures about types of fees possibly related to types of packaging.

V. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 11:46am

Attachment A

EPR Working Group Meeting (CCSMM)	914 0762 4867		136	50
Panelist Details				
Attended	User Name (Original Name)			
Yes	Elly Moore - DEEP (ElizabethMoore)			
Yes	Brian Sear - New London (BrianSear)			
Yes	BrianSear			

Yes	Brian Bartram - Salisbury/Sharon (BrianBartram)			
Yes	Matt Knickerbocker - Bethel (Matt Knickerbocker)			
Yes	Theresa Christenson - Harwinton (TheresaChristens on)			
Yes	Chelsey Hahn - DEEP (ChelseyHahn)			
Yes	Gary Evans - Wethersfield (GaryEvans)			
Yes	Gabrielle Frigon - DEEP (Gabrielle Frigon)			
Yes	Tom Metzner - DEEP (Tom Metzner)			
Yes	Diana McCarthy- Bercury, Branford			
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Yes	James Stewart - Naugatuck (jamesStewart)			
Yes	Kim O'Rourke - Middletown (KimO'Rourke)			
Yes	Donald Stein - Barkhamsted (DonaldStein)			
Yes	Jennifer Weymouth - DEEP (JenniferWeymou th)			
Yes	Barry ONell - Oldrook (BarryONell)			
Yes	KevinSullivan			

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Yes	Todd Fontanella - WestCOG (ToddFontanella)			
Yes	DanMcGowan			
Yes	Jen Heaton-Jones - HRRR (Jen Heaton-Jones)			
Yes	Robert Isner - DEEP (Robert Isner)			
Yes	Virginia Walton - Mansfield (VirginiaWalton)			
Yes	Ali Ghiorse - Greenwich Waste Mgmt Comm (AliGhiorse)			
Yes	Lori Vitagliano - Speaker (Lori Vitagliano)			
Yes	Marjaneh Zarreparvar - Paintcare (Marjaneh Zarreparvar)			
Attendee Details				
Attended				
Yes	Elizabeth Moore	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP
Yes	Melissa Biggs	Dayville	CT	DNB Lobby
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Yes	Lisa Fecke	New Britain	AL	Gaffney, Bennett
Yes	Michael Bzdyra	Hartford	CT	Murtha cullina LLP
Yes	Hillary Glass	Hartford	CT	RSG
Yes	Liz Connelly	Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting LLC
Yes	Ryan Bingham	New Hartford	CT	Sullivan & LeShane, Inc.
Yes	Brian Sear	New London	CT	City of New London Public Works
Yes	Brian Bartram	Salisbury	AL	Town of Salisbury Transfer Station
Yes	Theresa Christenson	Harwinton	CT	Town of Harwinton

Yes	sean hughes	Old Saybrook	CT	Hughes & Cronin
Yes	Chelsey Hahn	Hartford	CT	DEEP
Yes	Richard Abramowitz	Dallas	TX	Duracell
Yes	Brendan Fox	New Britain	CT	GBA
Yes	Gary Evans	Wethersfield	CT	Town of Wethersfield
Yes	John Sheerin	Washington	IL	USTMA
Yes	Jay Aronson	Suffield	CT	Consensus Government Consulting
Yes	james Stewart	Naugatuck	CT	Borough of Naugatuck
Yes	Evan Bruning	Boston	MA	Serlin Haley LLP
Yes	Brad Weeks	Hartford	CT	Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	Kim O'Rourke	Middletown	CT	City of Middletown CT
Yes	Kim O'Rourke			
Yes	Donald Stein	Barkhamsted	CT	Town of Barkhamsted
Yes	Abigail Sztein	Washington	AL	AF&PA
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Yes	Mike Noel	shelton	CT	TOMRA
Yes	Jennifer Weymouth	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP
Yes	Barry ONell	Old Saybrook	CT	town of Old Saybrook
Yes	Kevin Sullivan	Hartford	CT	CT DEEP
Yes	Robbie McLuckie	Washington	DC	Consumer Healthcare Products Association
Yes	Gretchen Spear	Minneapolis	MN	International Paper Co.
Yes	Todd Fontanella	Sandy Hook	CT	Western Connecticut Council of Governments
Yes	Todd Fontanella			
Yes	Josh Hughes	West Hartford	CT	Capitol Consulting
Yes	Dan McGowan - MRC (Dan McGowan)	GUILFORD	CT	Mattress Recycling Council
Yes	Linda Kowalski	Hartford	CT	The Kowalski Group, LLC
Yes	Linda Kowalski			

Yes	kevin spinella	new britain	CO	Gaffney Bennett and Associates
Yes	Virginia Walton	Storrs	CT	Town of Mansfield
Yes	James Woulfe	Farmington	CT	The Connecticut Group, LLC
Yes	James Woulfe			
Yes	Luis de la Parte	Rocky Hill	CT	SACYR
Yes	April Regan	Enfield	CT	USA Hauling & Recycling
Yes	April Regan			
Yes	robert mcnamara	Bridgeport	MA	Wheelabrator Technologies
Yes	Ali Ghiorse	Greenwich	CT	Greenwich Waste Management Committee